

Welcome

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes and Immaculate Conception! We are glad you are here with us today. If you would like to join our Faith Community, please contact our parish office or stop by any time.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Established – 1875

534 N. Wood Street
Gibson City, IL 60936

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 10:30 am
Monday 8 am
Tuesday 8 am
Wednesday 8am
Thursday 5:30 pm
Friday 8 am
Holy Days: 7 am & 7 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 8:30-9:30 am
Thursday 6-7 pm (except first Thursday of month-no Adoration)
First Friday of Month 8:30-9:30

Confession

Saturday 4:30 pm (OLOL)
Any time by Appointment



Immaculate Conception

202 E. Green Street
Roberts, IL 60962

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am

Confession

Sunday 7:45 am (IC)



Parish Office

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NOVEMBER 20, 2016

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

GIFT CARD OUTREACH

Just a reminder that the Gift Card Outreach box will be located in the back of the church through the month of November. Please consider gifting a gift card to our youth that have graduated in the last five years. The cards will be placed in a greeting card along with a note from one of our CCD youth, to be mailed the first week of December.

Thank you!

November 21

PRESENTATION OF MARY

Mary's presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. A church was built there in honor of this mystery. The Eastern Church was more interested in the feast, but it does appear in the West in the eleventh century. Although the feast at times disappeared from the calendar, in the sixteenth century it became a feast of the universal Church.

As with Mary's birth, we read of Mary's presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the *Protoevangelium of James* tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the temple when she was three years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless.

Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception (December 8) and the birth of Mary (September 8). It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.

It is sometimes difficult for modern Westerners to appreciate a feast like this. The Eastern Church, however, was quite open to this feast and even somewhat insistent about celebrating it. Even though the event has no basis in history, it stresses an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands. God came to dwell in her in a marvelous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work. At the same time, the magnificence of Mary enriches her children. They, too, are temples of God and sanctified in order that they might enjoy and share in God's saving work.

CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS ELVES ON DECEMBER 10 TO CLEAN AND DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS

I know it is hard to believe Christmas is just a few short weeks away with the beautiful weather we are having but it is indeed just around the corner.

Please contact Sarah Sarantakos at 217-781-0528 or the parish office at 217-784-4671 or pastor@ololgc.org if you are able to help clean and/or haul out decorations.

Our MERRY thanks in advance!!



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**Parish Council
President**

Eric Rosenbaum (OLOL)

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

If you wish to have a Mass intention for a loved one, anniversary or other occasion, please contact the parish office. Mass

MON November 21	8:00AM	Vivian Geurts Family Paul Geurts Family
<i>Presentation of the Bl. Virgin Mary</i>		
TUE November 22	8:00AM	NO MASS
<i>St. Cecilia</i>		
WED November 23	8:00AM	NO MASS
<i>St. Clement</i>		
THU November 24	8:00AM	THANKSGIVING MASS
<i>St. Andrew and Companions</i>		
FRI November 25	8:00AM	Groover Family Grote Family
<i>St. Catherine of Alexandria</i>		
SAT November 26	5:00PM	+Don Kemmer
SUN November 27	8:00 AM (IC)	Parish Family
<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>		10:30 AM (OLOL) +Chuck Freehill

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2041.50
Capital Imp.	\$0
Food Pantry Oct. Total	\$58.00
Yr to Date FP	\$401.57
	\$2897.84

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$265.00
Capital Imp.	\$0

When we meet our CMAA Goals!
OLOL and IC will get back 65% of every dollar received above our goals. Reaching our goals is a great achievement, and continuing to give is even greater!

2016 CMAA Goals
OLOL: 15,268
Goal: (\$12,712)
IC: \$1370
(Goal: \$905)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, November 26 5:00PM	Alex Killian Braden Roesch	Lisa Heap	Stan Alt	Frank Titus Michael Smith	Lisa Heap
Sun, November 27 10:30AM	Hannah Hathaway Keegan Kutemeier		Paul Sarantakos	Tim Fackler Bruce Killian	

The first Friday of the month adoration will follow 8AM Mass. The remaining weeks of every month Adoration will be on the usual Thursday evening following 5:30PM Mass and always Tuesday following 8AM Mass.

Baptism

Call the Rectory at least four weeks before the baptism. Instruction for the parents and God-parents is required.

Sick??

If you or a family member is sick or admitted to the hospital or makes a trip to the Emergency Room, please contact Fr. Thomas at (630) 639-0502 .

Marriage

Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month preparation time is required.

A HUGE THANKS!!!

I would like to thank the Parish members for supporting the Annual Turkey Dinner. I would especially like to thank the committee chairpersons for their hard work and dedication this year. Special thanks to all of those people who worked hard and helped make the Turkey Dinner a success again this year.



Sincerely,
Rob Schmitt
Chairman of Turkey Dinner

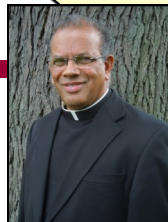


Lori Gale (11/22)
Tammy Parsons (11/23)
Jude Killian (11/24)
Rich Huppert (11/26)
Lane Beyers (11/27)



Jim & Donna Ruddy (11/21)
Mel & Marilyn Fischer (11/24)
Bruce & Amy Killian (11/24)
Ron & Eileen Woolums (11/24)

The Word From Father Thomas



THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY COMING TO A CLOSE

Last year, on December 8, 2015, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis opened the Holy Year of Mercy, unsealing the holy year door in Rome, and as he spoke these words: "To pass through the Holy Door means to rediscover the infinite mercy of the Father who welcomes everyone and goes out personally to encounter each of them. Passing through this door of mercy leads us directly into the arms of our Heavenly Father, to find his sweet and gentle touch, his tenderness and compassion, and the forgiveness our hearts so desperately need." And unlike any other Holy Year ever celebrated in the history of the Church – since the 13th century when this practice began – Pope Francis gave every diocese in the world the singular grace of having a Holy Year Door at the Mother Church, the Cathedral, so that as many people as possible may have the opportunity to pass through the door of mercy, the door of love, the door of hope and restoration.

There have been thousands of visitors to Saint Paul Cathedral over these past twelve months. It has been a powerful experience to see the pilgrims make that journey, some coming from great distances like the 400 young people from the Archdiocese of Omaha and a group from the Archdiocese of Chicago. The holy year door afforded each of us the opportunity to stop for a moment before we pass through that door, and remove the burdens of our sins, our burdens, our disappointments, our anger and bitterness, our jealousy and pride, our lack of compassion for others, and our anxiety and fears. The prayers on the outside of the holy door force us to stop and reflect on the magnitude of God's unconditional mercy, but also challenge us to leave outside the things that so often prevent us from loving God with our whole heart and soul, and loving our neighbor. This has been the greatest blessing and gift of this Holy Year.

But clearly the hope of Pope Francis is that this year will encourage us to be people of mercy in our daily lives – to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy – and this will be a lasting effect of this year of grace. Christians must be the face of mercy for others, especially those who are marginalized and pushed aside in our culture. We must go out to the fringes of our society and bring the tender compassion of God to those who so desperately need it. "Be merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful." Each day, we approach the altar as sinners and yet what really is most important for us is that we have the courage to trust in Jesus' mercy, to trust in his patience, to seek refuge always in the wounds of his love. As Pope Francis reminds us: "We hear many offers from the world around us; but let us take up God's offer instead: his is a caress of love. For God, we are not numbers, we are important; indeed we are the most important thing to him. Even if we are sinners, we are what is closest to his heart." As the holy door closes to end this Year of Mercy, the doors of our hearts are meant to open more readily and easily to God's love, the kind of love that God has for us – sacrificial love, merciful love, unconditional love, divine love, lasting love, burning love, real love. This is how God makes a new creation not only for humanity but for every human heart.

THE YEAR OF MERCY CLOSES THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 ON THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

PRAYER TO CHRIST THE KING—Celebrated November 20

Christ Jesus, I acknowledge You King of the universe. All that has been created has been made for You. Make full use of Your rights over me.

I renew the promises I made in Baptism, when I renounced Satan and all his pomps and works, and I promise to live a good Christian life and to do all in my power to procure the triumph of the rights of God and Your Church.

Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer You my efforts in order that all hearts may acknowledge Your Sacred Royalty, and that thus the Kingdom of Your peace may be established throughout the universe.

Amen



PARISH EVENTS



Saturday, November 26

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

Tuesday, November 29

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

Wednesday, November 30

- Staff Mtg 6PM
- Parish Council Mtg 7PM

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION

The collection for the Campaign for Human Development provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. CHD's grants improve education, support economic development, and create affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and build communities of solidarity. Please give to the CHD collection.

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Loretta Bode
Mary Cothorn
Mardelle Duffy
Donovan Gaines
Dick Walter
Mary Masco
Jeff McGuire
Judy Schall



If you wish to add the name of a loved one who is sick, please contact the parish office at 217-784-4671 or pastor@ololg.org.

Dear Padre

NOVEMBER 20, 2016

My youth group sometimes raises funds for activities. Once, an angry parishioner told me that the Church was only concerned with money. Is raising money within or for the Church OK?

Schools and religious groups commonly raise money for their activities and projects. It's also normal for parish organizations to get their funds from membership dues or event tickets. The parish is often the first place people go, but if your group already receives a lot of support from its members, consider looking to other sources, such as local businesses that are interested in supporting youth in your area.

The fundraising you plan often dictates your methods. If you're promoting an event, such as a dance, ticket sales are an appropriate model. If you choose a third-party or commercial fundraiser, make sure its business practices are morally acceptable within a Catholic context. If you desire a special mention, collection, or to solicit after Mass or during a parish function, obtain approval from the pastor or designated staff beforehand.

Some people are very sensitive to financial appeals. Maybe that person had just received multiple requests. Fundraising efforts should be coordinated within the parish. If groups are competing or events fall too closely together, problems can arise.

Money is necessary for many things. Fundraising for a good purpose, especially to help others, has existed in the Church since St. Paul himself.

From LIGUORIAN, OCTOBER 2004

Monday

November 21
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

November 22
St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Rv 14:14-19
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

November 23
Weekday
Rv 15:1-4
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

November 24
St. Andrew D'ung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Rv 18:1-2, 21-23;
19:1-3, 9a
Lk 21:20-28

Friday

November 25
Weekday
Rv 20:1-4,
11-21:2
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

November 26
Weekday
Rv 22:1-7
Lk 21:34-36

Sunday

November 27
First Sunday of Advent
Is 2:1-5
Rom 13:11-14
Mt 24:37-44

Good News!

November 20, 2016 (C)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

The readings for the solemnity of Christ the king in each of the three Sunday cycles help us to see how different Jesus' kingship is from that of earthly rulers. The reign of Jesus is not tied to judgment or authority, for he subjects himself to the judgment and authority of others. His reign is not tied to an ability to make and defend laws, for he submits to the existing law which condemns him to death on a cross. His reign is not tied to the power to conquer nations or to lead great armies against oppressors. Christ the king comes to save, to conquer "death and the devil" (Catechism 636, 1019).

Rather, the kingdom of God is about comfort, peace, redemption, truth, real justice, and mercy. Even from the cross, Jesus forgave his enemies and held on to no anger or hate. He welcomed repentant sinners into the kingdom. He resisted the temptation to impress others with the power that came from who he was and who he knew. In the great contradiction of our faith, the power of Christ the King is manifest in his willingness to become powerless for love of us.

What does that mean for us, his disciples? We, too, must let go of power, reject destruction, and turn toward God. As we make our way, we are called to practice forgiveness, hospitality, and humility in loving all of God's children. As we close this Year of Mercy and enter another Advent, this may be the best gift we can give to Christ our king.

— *Mary Katharine Deeley*

We are deeply grateful to Mary Katharine Deeley for her articulate stories and amazing insight into the Sunday readings for the last three years. Starting next week, we will feature reflections from Fr. Mark Haydu, LC.